

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Edwards Ferry Cemetery

2. Planning Area/Site Number 16/25

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference
location confidential

4. Address near Edwards Ferry

5. Classification Summary

Category siteOwnership publicPublic Acquisition Status occupiedAccessible yes: restrictedPresent use parkPrevious Survey Recording N-MNCPPC Federal State x County x Local

(Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)

6. Date c. 1766

7. Original Owner: William Hickman

8. Apparent Condition

a. deterioratedc. original siteb. altered

9. Description

This is an overgrown, 18th century, cemetery that lies near the C & O Canal. There are rough-cut, Seneca sandstone markers -- some with initials and dates, but none with full names. The largest stone is approximately 4' by 3' ; but some stones are as small as 1' by 1'. There are 11 stones visible; only 3 have initials and dates:

W.H. Dv 4 1766

E.B. March 1776

M.W. August 9, 1788 age 39

The cemetery covers an area approximately 50' by 50'. The area is covered by fairly thick woods and a full growth of underbrush.

10. Significance

Edwards Ferry Cemetery is important for its unusually early date, revealing more settlement and use of the river area than previously known. The cemetery lies on a 100 acre land grant given William Hickman in 1744 by the Lord Proprietor. Previous researchers had speculated that this area was quite remote in the mid 1700s, frequented mostly by hunters, trappers and Indians. It is now known that there were 8 settlements on the adjoining land grant by 1728. Hickman is known to have owned a number of slaves, and to have raised tobacco on that tract and a tract that he leased. He died in December, 1766 and his will mentions 4 children: Stephen Hickman, Ann Lewis, Betty Fletchall, and Elizabeth Burns. Elizabeth Burns may have been buried under the stone marked E.B. March 1776. The will also mentions two neighbors: Zephaniah Wood and John Wahler. These names may provide clues to the inscription M.W. August 9, 1788 age 39.

Date researched and researcher 10/78 James Highsaw

12. Compiler Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled 2/79

14. Designation
Approval 2/79
15. Acreage

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Edwards Ferry Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

to be maintained confidential

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Edwards Ferry

STATE

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

National Park Service: C&O Canal

Telephone #: 301-432-5124

STREET & NUMBER

Box 158

National Park

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21782

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Maryland Hall of Records

Liber #: E. I. 6

Folio #: 710

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:16-25

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The cemetery covers an area approximately 50' by 50'. The area is covered by fairly thick woods with a full growth of underbrush consisting of vines, poison ivy, honeysuckle and thorn bushes. During the growing season and period of foliage the site is well covered, but during the winter months can be seen from River Road if one knows the location and that the stones represent a cemetery.

Initials and Dates

W. H. Dy 4 1766

E. B. March 1776

M. W. August 9, 1788 age 39

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site is important for its unusually early date and the fact that it gives clues to the use and settlement of this river area before the well-documented C & O Canal era.

The cemetery lies on a tract of land which was granted to William Hickman in 1744 by the Lord Proprietor, part of Calverton Manor. The grant was called Three Springs and consisted of 100 acres. Hickman was required to pay 4 shillings sterling in silver or gold as annual rent.¹

Hickman's name appears again on a 1758 petition to Governor Horatio Sharpe signed by Freeholders and Freemen of All Saints Parish (all of Western Maryland north of the Great Seneca Run).²

Hickman died in December, 1766. His will indicates that Hickman owned Three Springs in 1766 and that he passed it on to his children. Most importantly, the date of his death links him to the stone in the cemetery marked W. H. 1766. Hickman's will indicates that at the time of his death he owned a number of slaves, grew tobacco, and leased a tract of land in addition to owning Three Springs.⁴

Hickman's will mentions 4 children: Stephen Hickman, Ann Lewis, Betty Fletchall, and Elizabeth Burns. Elizabeth Burns may have been buried under the stone marked E. B. March 1776.

The third stone, marked M.W. August 9, 1788, age 39, may be Mary Walker, possibly a daughter of William Hickman. She was mentioned in the administration proceedings of William Hickman's will, and would have been 18 years of age in 1767, old enough to have been married (to a Walker).

Previous researchers had speculated that this area was quite remote in the mid-1700's, frequented mostly by hunters, trappers and Indians. One theory was that the cemetery was adjacent to a small family's trading post. This researcher found no evidence to prove or disprove such a theory. However, it is interesting to note that the 1728 patent to a neighboring land grant, Preston's March, mentions 8 settlements already established on the 1230 acre tract.⁵

The above information seems to indicate that the region may have been more heavily settled in the early 1700's than previous researchers on this site believed. In fact, the residents in 1728 probably owned slaves and were growing tobacco and corn.

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wood, Summer, Sr., The Horseshoe of the Potomac, (U.S.A., 1973).
 Maryland Hall of Records: Patents.
 Frederick County Courthouse: Wills.
 Md.-Nat'l Capital Park & Planning Comm. Historical Sites Inventory(1976).
The Washington Star 1/12/75: article by John Sherwood.
 Sugarloaf Regional Trails: Edwards Ferry Cemetery Preliminary Report 1975.
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James Highsaw

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

10/20/78

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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~~The Shaw House, 21 State Circle~~
~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~
~~(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
 Box 87, Stronghold
 Dickerson, Md. 20753
 (301) 926-4510

Edwards Ferry Cemetery

Attachment Sheet A

To conclude, this researcher has found evidence to indicate the cemetery contains the graves of William Hickman and one or more of his descendants. It appears likely that persons from one or more other families are buried here also, possibly neighbors. It also appears that in 1728 this region had been settled to some extent by tenant farmers who grew tobacco and corn, and who owned slaves.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Maryland Hall of Records, Liber L.G. E Folio 317 and Liber E.I. 6 Folio 710.
2. Wood, Sumner, The Horseshoe of the Potomac: 1640-1776, (U.S. 1973), p. 51.
3. Wills of Frederick County, Md., A1/274.
4. Administrations, Liber B 2 Folio 10.
5. Maryland Hall of Records, Liber A.M. 1 Folio 389 and Liber E.I. 1 Folio 166.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

near River Road, in C & O Canal Park

CITY, TOWN

Edward's Ferry

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

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NAME

National Park Service (Dep't. of the

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Interior)

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

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REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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- 1) WASHINGTON STAR, (Sunday, 1/12/75.)
- 2) SUGARLOAF TRAILS, (1975), "Edward's Ferry Cemetery."

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COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1975

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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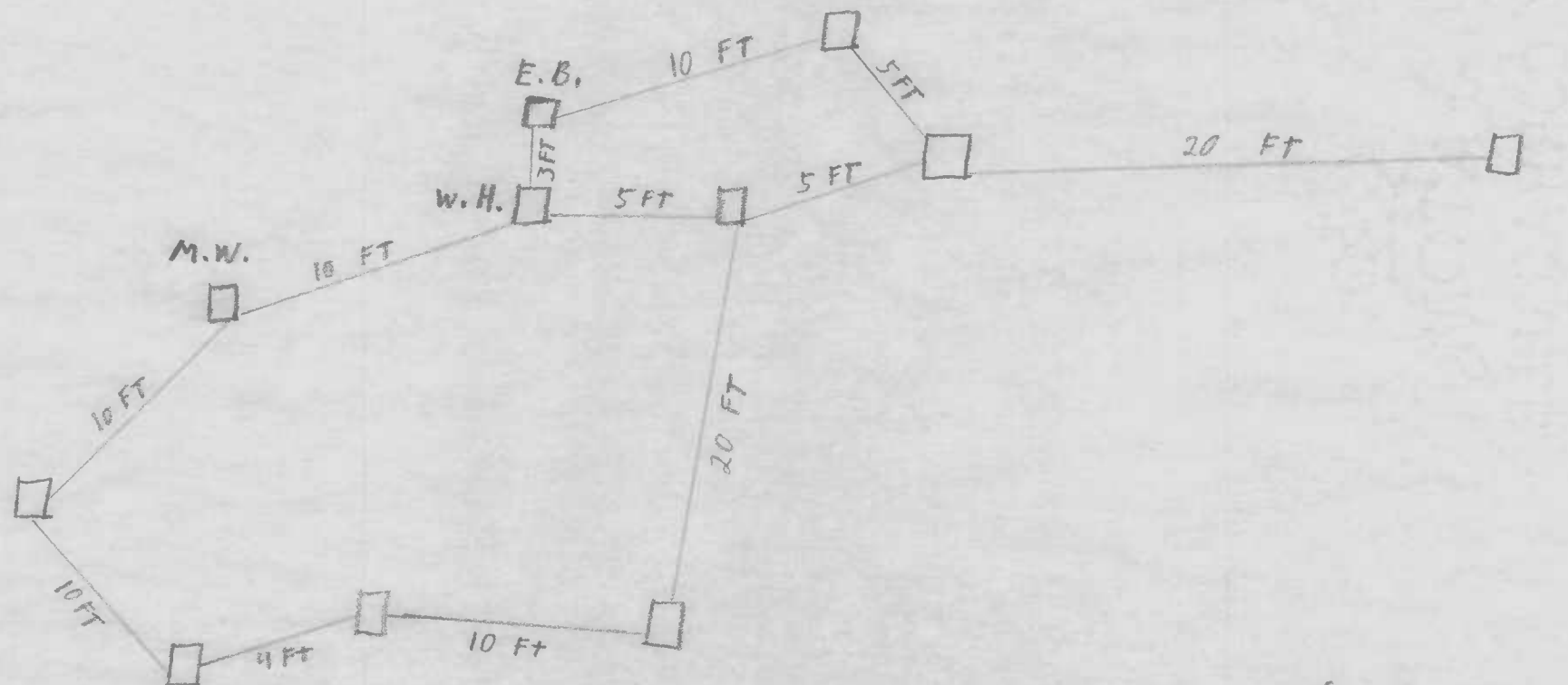
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Attachment Sheet B

Edwards Ferry Cemetery

CEMETERY LAYOUT



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RIVER ROAD

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C & O CANAL

CM 1625
M 16/25
Attachment Sheet C



E. B.

DIED MARCH

1776



WH

DY 4 1766

M. 16-25



M. W.

DEPARTED ~~1788~~

THIS LIFE

AUGUST 9

1788 AGED 39